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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KUNIHIRO AKIYOSHI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: QIN, YIXING
SERIAL NO: 10/627,731 :
FILED: JULY 28, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2625
FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, :
INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND
VERSION CHECK METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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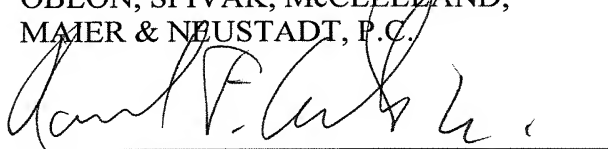
In response to the outstanding Office Action of November 2, 2007, Applicants elect without traverse the invention of Group I, Claims 1-23 and 25, drawn to an image processing apparatus (or method/program/medium encoding a program) for obtaining version information of APIs of an application and APIs of the system service and performing comparison of the versions. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

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Examination on the merits of Claims 1-23 and 25 of Group I is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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